



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE Cathey Road Shaded Fuel Break

PROJECT LOCATION South West ¼ of Section 22 & the East ½ & North West 1/4 of
Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt B&M

COUNTY Humboldt

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Construct a shaded fuel break within fifty feet of both sides of Cathey Road. The project area is approximately 18 acres and is made up of various brush species as well as Douglas-Fir, Redwood and Tan Oak trees. The project will provide the Cathey Road Community fire protection for both egress and ingress to their properties. Hazardous fuel loading will be greatly reduced. Emergency services access for fire control and emergency response will be improved. The project will include limbing, pruning and brushing the area. This area has been treated in the past with a similar treatment. The resulting hazardous fuels will be treated by a combination of chipping, pile burning and lop and scatter. Operations shall not take place between March 24th and September 15th within the designated marbled murrelet restriction zone.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 – Minor alterations to land - minor vegetation removal
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☒ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of Section 15304 Minor alterations to land Class 4__ Section 15304 (i).

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Consultation with United States Fish and Wildlife Service as well as the California Department of Fish and Game were conducted to assure the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant and animal species. Native American Cultural resource advisors were also consulted to assure no impacts to cultural resource would occur. Site disturbance will be limited to minor modification of vegetation. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit, 118 Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna, CA 95540.

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